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TAGS: ENRG, CG, AO

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM PRODUCTION APPARENTLY HALTED AT CABINDA

REF: KINSHASA 562

REFTEL REPORTED THAT ZAIRE GULF OIL MANAGER KING HAD TOLD EMBOFF THAT WORKERS AT ZAIRE'S OFFSHORE OPERATIONS HAD OBSERVED FLARE AT CABINDA FIELD INDICATING THAT AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE CABINDA FIELD WAS BACK IN PRODUCTION. JANUARY 27 KING STATED THAT FLARE HAS SINCE DISAPPEARED. HE SPECULATED THAT ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO RESTORE FIELD TO PRODUCTION BUT HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. HE COMMENTED THAT ALL CABINDA WELLS HAVE AUTOMATIC SAFETY VALVES AT 2,000 FOOT DEPTH AND SPECULATED THAT ONE OF THESE AUTOMATIC VALVES HAD BEEN TRIGGERED AND THUS HALTED ATTEMPT AT RESUMPTION OF PRODUCTION. OPERATING THESE VALVE IS AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED PROCESS AND DEFINITELY A JOB FOR AN EXPERT. CUTLER

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